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LB 66, 134

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? All those in favor of adopting the amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Vickers amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion carried. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

PRESIDENT: The amendments having been adopted, the Chair recognizes Senator Rod Johnson for advancement of the bill to Final Reading...to E & R for engrossment.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I move LB 66 to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT: Motion has been made. All those in favor say aye, opposed no. Motion carried. LB 134, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no E & R amendments to LB 134. I do have an amendment to the bill offered by Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler would move to amend: (Read Beutler amendment as found on page 415, Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Can we have order in the Chamber please. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I wanted to present quickly to you an alternative to this bill...an alternative on this bill. Basically this is the bill, you may recall, that allows public employees when they reach age 60 to voluntarily retire, and if they do so to allow them to stay on the group health plan from age 60 to age 65. I think there are two parts of this problem that we need to take a look at. First of all what my amendment would do would not be to kill the bill or to destroy it entirely but basically to say that you can take this option or you can exercise this option and keep the health group, the group health plan, from 60 to 65 if you are forced to retire because of your health or because of your spouse's health. So it would limit the availability of the benefit to that group of people. There are two problems I think with the bill, one is the lack of a fiscal note on the bill although it does or will have some fiscal impact. Basically I am not overly concerned about that. If this is a benefit for public employees and that were the only concern, I